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The Annual for 1900

The Brethren Annual for the year 1900 will be ready for the mails December 9, and orders will be promptly filled. We are sorry for the delay, but it was unavoidable as already explained. The price is the same as that of former years, ten cents, or one dollar per dozen. You can order thru your Evangelist agent, or direct from us. The book is the neatest we have ever issued, and contains almost one-half more matter than any previous one issued by the Publication Board. Partial contents of the Annual will be given in next week's paper. We hope this yearly publication will have the support of the whole church.

Our Premium Offer

There has been quite a liberal response to our offer for renewals on or before December 1. The time has been extended to December 5. If you mail your order on or before that date with the cash you will be entitled to the premium, "In His Steps," or "What Would Jesus Do." Please note what was said last week as to the time when the premium would be delivered, early in December or perhaps not till the middle of the month. Those who have renewed their subscriptions and are expecting the premium should make a note of this item, as it will avoid them and us much trouble. You will get the book, but may be a little later than you expected.

The Quarterly for 1900

The Brethren Sunday-school literature for the year 1900 will be greatly improved. The *Quarterly* will be enlarged and such changes made that will adapt it still more to the needs of both teacher and scholar. The reader should remember that for the next eighteen months our studies will be in the life of Christ and according to arrangements of the international committee this study will be systematic and chronological. The lessons for the first quarter will be taken from each of the four gospels. Next week will appear an announcement of the *Quarterly* on the back page of the paper. Look for it.

—The world's record for the production of steel rails by one plant in 24 hours was beaten by the South Chicago mills on October 25, when they turned out 2,609 tons.

Personal Mention

Brother J. G. Wolters reports some encouraging results from his labors in the Lord's vineyard.

Brother C. Forney reports two accessions at the Maple Grove church, and the work well organized.

Brother Hixon is having a good meeting at Godfrey, Kansas, with five accessions as a result thus far.

Brother Hopkins closed his meeting at Loree, Ind., with six accessions. He begins revival work in the Salem church on Thanksgiving day.

Brother Bemenderfer is getting the work in his congregation well organized and we have reasons to look for good results from his labors.

Brother Fogle reports four accessions at the new mission point of which he writes in this issue. He is an enthusiastic worker and keeps incessantly at it.

The reader will find something interesting and helpful in Brother Moomaw's comments on recent utterances of great preachers.

We are sorry to learn of the death of brother Henry Emmert, member of the Hagerstown, Md., congregation. Obituary notice will appear later.

Brother J. A. Miller left on Wednesday morning for Cambria, Indiana, where he has been called to perform the marriage ceremony for his brother in the flesh. He will return on Friday morning.

Brother W. J. Hannan, pastor of the Brooklyn, Iowa, church began a series of meetings at that place Sunday evening, November 26. On December 6. Brother Talley is expected to be there to assist in the work.

On Thursday, November 23, Brother Tombaugh began a ten days' meeting in the Washington City Mission. Let the whole church unite in prayer for the success of the cause in that city.

Brethren Copp and Bauman are doing an excellent work in Dayton. When last heard from, November 23, there were sixteen accessions. The whole church will rejoice to hear of the success of the work in that city.

Brother J. L. Kimmel reports several accessions to the church in his field of labor, two of the church houses in which he preaches under going repair. Church house cleaning is needful no less than church member cleansing.

The notice of brother Ira Slotter's father's death in this issue is taken from the Valley Mirror of North Ontario, California. The Slotter family has our sympathy in this time of their bereavement. May the Lord comfort them.

Brother J. M. Bowman spent a few days at Glenford where he was pastor for a number of years, preaching and conducting communion services. He reports a very pleasant meeting. We trust those congregations may soon be blest with a good pastor.

Brother D. C. Moomaw recently enjoyed a very pleasant visit to our mission in Washington city. He has always been a practical supporter of that work but will be more so now since he has visited the place. Yes, brother, the church will sustain that work, it must be done.

We acknowledge the receipt of a good list of new subscriptions from Brother Wilt, of the West Independence congregation. Thanks. If others will do as well we will have the 3,000 before Christmas. It will require the untiring effort of all pastors to reach that number before the year 1899 closes.

We feel proud of that intended young preacher in the Louisville congregation, Brother Clapper. Read his sermon in this issue. It was preached during Brother Welty's absence. The pastor of that church can safely leave such work in that brother's hands. We hope to see him at Ashland sometime.

Just before going to press we received a letter from brother Ira Slotter and wife, Ontario, Calif. Brother Slotter was not well when he started on that

long journey tho from his letter we learn that he stood the trip quite well. We are glad to learn of their safe arrival at the home of his mother and sister.

Sister Flora must be serving an exceptionally peaceful congregation, not having had a discord for seven years, the period of her pastorate. This certainly speaks well for her people, and is as it ought to be and as the Savior desired and prayed that it should be.

Brother Miller is pushing the mission work in the state of Indiana, and he has an army of noble helpers. The mission day (Dec. 3) for that state promises encouraging results. The plan adopted by that board is eminently a practical one and the day appointed will prove it so. Let every church in that state take up a special collection on December 3, and the result will surprise the most sanguine.

Yes, Brother Lyon, the people of this country, some of them at least, have again proven the fickleness of a friendship that is not based on the eternal friendship of him who sticketh closer than a brother. One month ago, the very papers who denounce Admiral Dewey, were lauding him to the skies as a hero above all others. Now, because he dared to do with his own as pleased him, some have lost their heads and gone crazy.

Last year we had hoped to run a cut of some minister of the Brethren church in the *EVANGELIST* at least once a month, but we failed to carry out our plans. Beginning with the first issue of the year another attempt will be made, and the first one to appear will be the moderator of our National Conference, brother J. H. Knepper, accompanied with a brief biography. Others that will follow whose photos we now have on hand are, brother Gillin and Summers.

A postal card stamped "San Diego, Calif.," and addressed as follows, Elder A. D. Gnagey, (Editor), Ashland, Ohio, care *BRETHREN EVANGELIST*, came to this office without a word written on the other side. The card comes without a message, tho no doubt it was intended to bear one. What the writer wanted we do not know, but the probability is that he is not thinking the very sweetest things concerning us. Should this item come to his notice he will know why his wants are not attended to at this end of the line.

Brother Koontz reports three more accessions at Conemaugh, Pa. He is gathering in railroad men, and what class of men can do more for the cause of Christ than these? Brother Koontz will have lay preachers all along the Pennsylvania lines in course of time. When we say lay preachers we judge by one of these preachers who accompanied Brother Koontz to the National Conference last fall. We happened on the same car from Mansfield to Winona, and we found him a fearless advocate of the doctrine of the Brethren church. The last sight we had of him on that train was when he had a Disciple preacher cornered, and we venture to say that stranger heard more genuine gospel than he was accustomed to hear in the same length of time. Keep up your work, Brother Koontz, those preachers whom Sister Detwiler designates as railroad preachers are all right, and the country needs more of the kind you are turning out.

Literary Notes

The Xmas number of the "NEW LIPPINCOTT" has a striking frontispiece by Henry R. Poore, A. N. D., an artist who has several times interpreted lovingly the story of the Star of Bethlehem. There are also Christmas poems by Albert Bigelow Paine, "The Little Child," and by Thomas Welsh, "At Nazareth."

How Sunday Newspapers Were Killed in England

Two powerful multi-millionaires who were recently determined to start Sunday editions of their daily